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## News Release

## ICE ARRESTS MD MOTOR VEHICLE EMPLOYEE, 2 OTHERS FOR SALE OF STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Conspirators allegedly provided documents to illegal aliens

GREENBELT, Md. – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents arrested three Marylanders today for a scheme to fraudulently obtain Maryland state identification cards.

Arrested was Hyattsville resident Dodson Robey, 34, and Silver Spring residents Margentina Esther Pinilla, 41, and Valentin Roosevelt Milstein, 59.

According to a criminal complaint filed by Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, the three allegedly conspired to knowingly transfer fraudulent identification documents.

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's Internal Investigations and the United States Attorney's Office assisted ICE with the investigation.

"A state-issued identification can be used to legitimize a person who is really an unknown entity," said ICE Special Agent-in-Charge Cynthia O'Connell, who leads ICE investigations in Maryland. "Once the integrity of a system such as the MVA is compromised, it's susceptible to exploitation by terrorists and criminals seeking to mask who they really are, so joint investigations like this are what will protect national security and deny opportunities to criminals and terrorists."

At the time of their arrests, Robey worked a the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) located at 11760 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, Md., and Milstein operated Val's Driving School, a business located in Wheaton, Md. Pinilla, a former employee of the MVA, allegedly recruited individuals who paid her a fee for Robey to produce the fraudulent cards for them.

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The complaint alleges that from Aug. 31, 2004 to Feb. 16, 2005, in return for the payment of more than \$1,000 per applicant, the defendants agreed to provide fraudulent MVA documents to various applicants --many of them illegal aliens-- who sought MVA identification cards or driver's licenses without showing the documentation required under Maryland law.

Robey is alleged to have provided more than 100 identification documents in violation of MVA policy.

## # ICE #

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.